

Hermeneutic Dynamics of Individual and Communal Endowment of Life with Christian-Religious Meaning in a Culture of Digitality

URPP Digital Religion(s) P6

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Subproject A Religious App Research

Research Issues

Despite the popularity of spiritual apps, we still know little about how they affect the everyday life of its users. Do they help build a spirituality that supports us? Do they help deepen our relationship with ourselves, our environment and the divine?

In our research we're using the app EVERMORE – among others – to investigate these questions.



More information

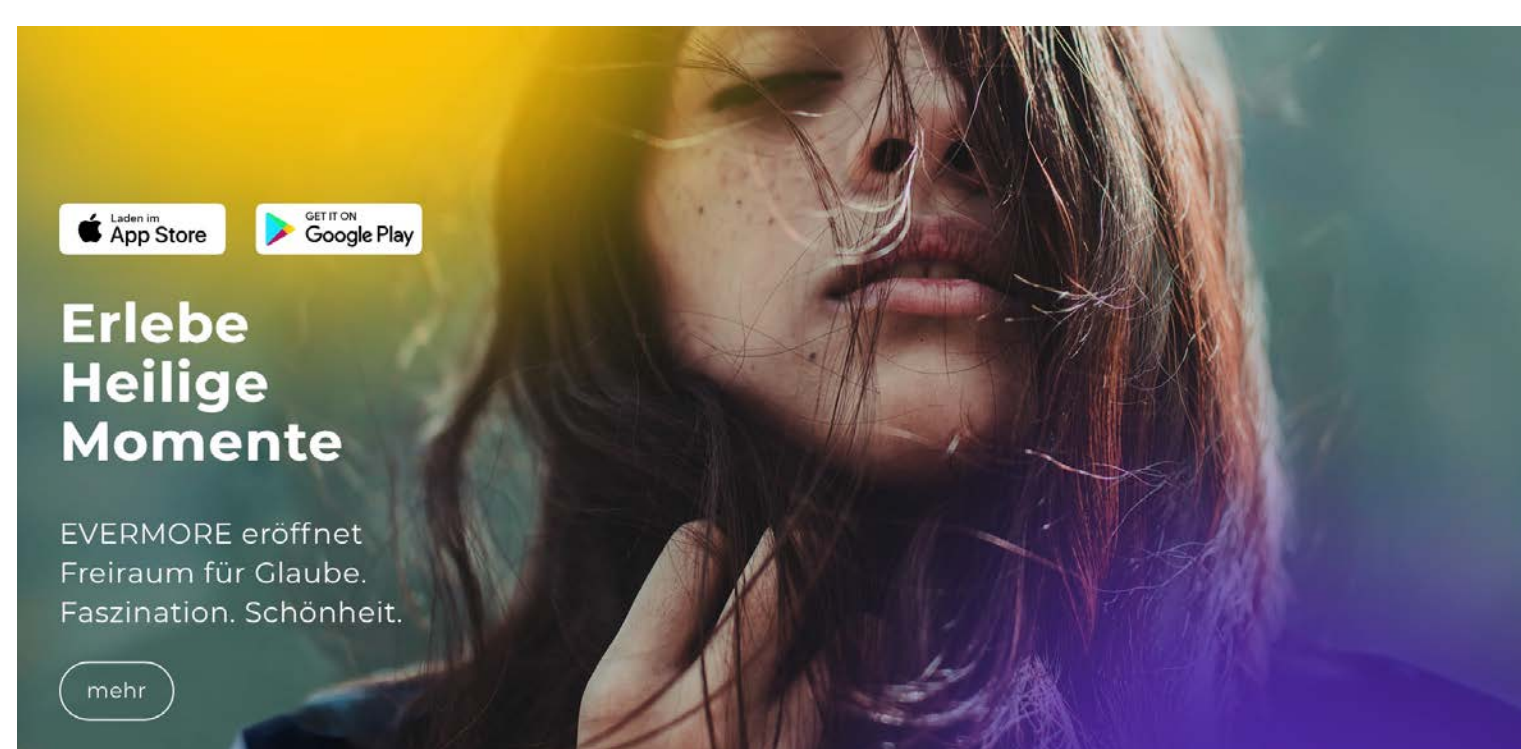


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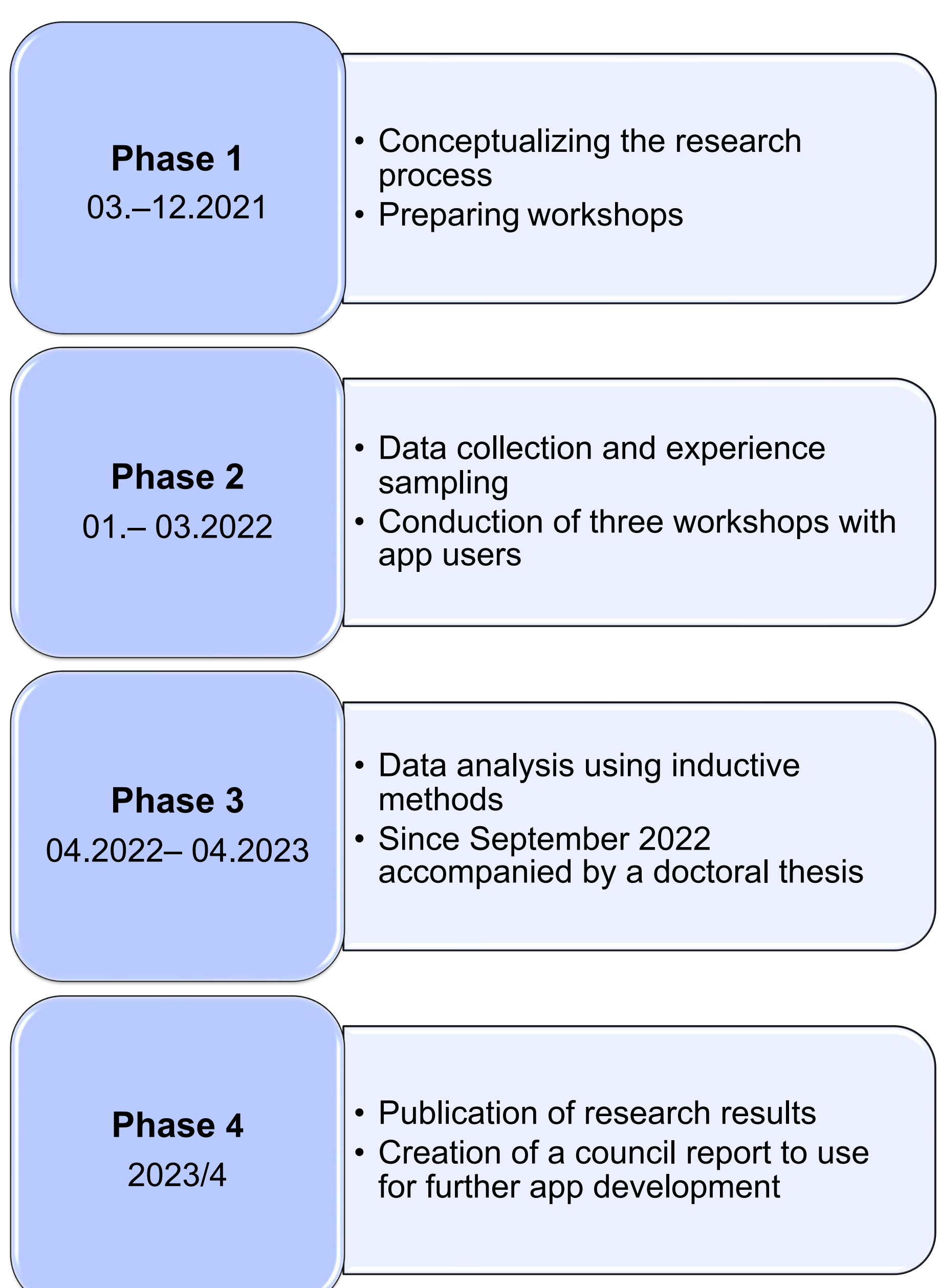
Conference: Spiritual Apps and their impact on everyday life

EVERMORE

is a prayer and meditation app of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover launched at the end of October 2021. In the German-speaking part of Europe an app like EVERMORE is unique.



Research Process



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Research Aim and Issues

P6 aims to understand lived Christian religion in a culture of digitality. We are interested in how Christian religious practice, theology and community building change in the context of an increasingly digitally networked society and what specific opportunities and risks lie in these developments.

We want to know:

How do digital religious practices impact religious belonging, identity and everyday life? To what extent might digital networks transform traditional church structures and images? To what extent does digital practice lead to individual religious empowerment? How to deal with conflicts when Christian influencers challenge traditional religious authorities as digital authorities?



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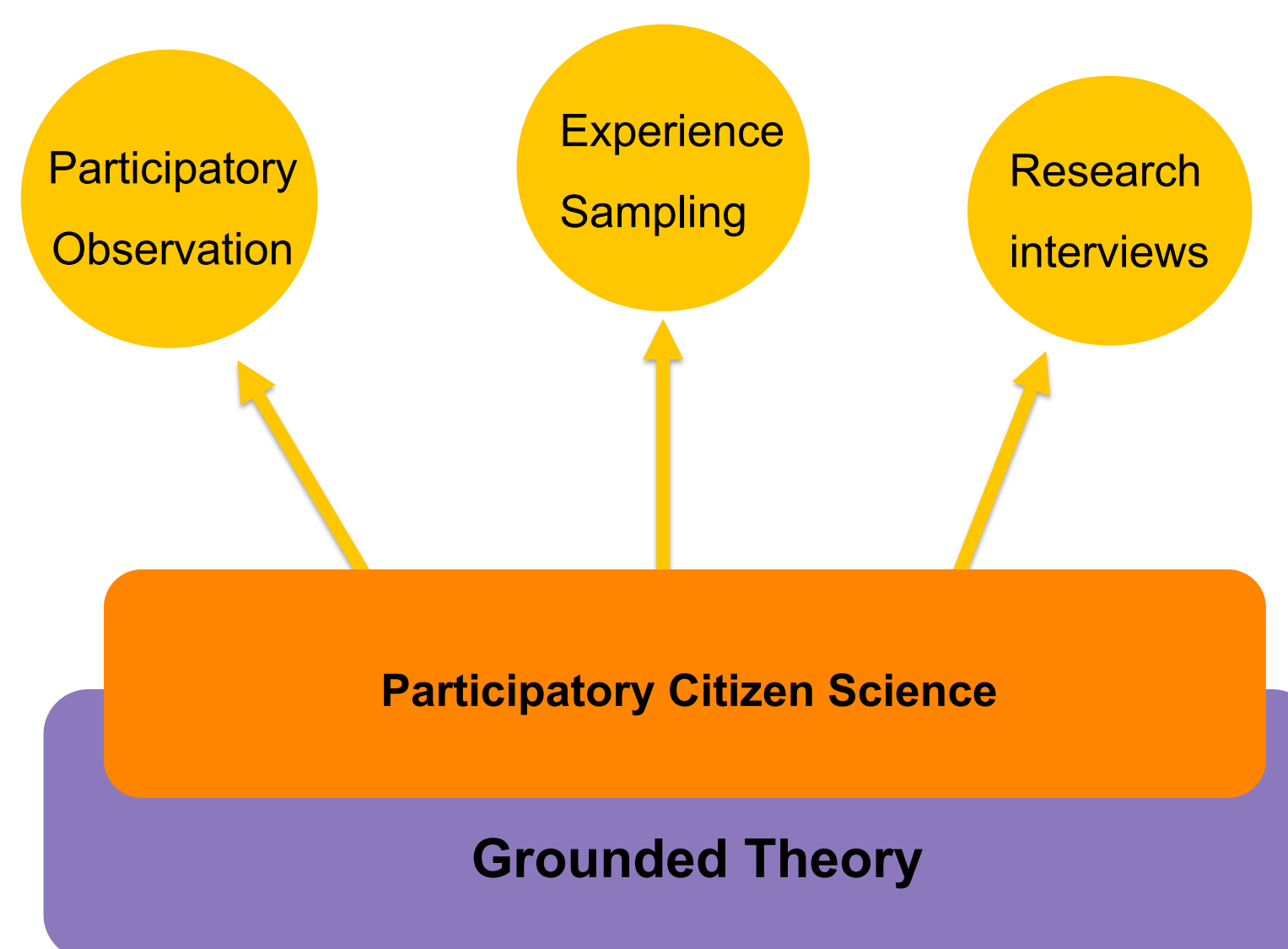
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Methodology

In our work Grounded Theory Methodology is combined with Participatory Citizen Science. On top we are using various qualitative methods to collect and analyze our data.



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Research Partners

It is our concern to work interdisciplinary as well as practice-orientated, which is why we are cooperating with the following institutions:

- ❖ Citizens & Co-researchers
- ❖ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover & EKD & YEET Network
- ❖ Citizen Science Center & Digital Society Initiative & Participatory Science Academy

Subproject B YEET

Research Issues

Together with the network's influencers, we investigate the extent to which YEET contributes to the transformation of the understanding of the church as a modern, open, diversity-friendly movement and what opportunities and risks need to be considered in this process. Our research will bring insights into a pioneering project of the digital church in the German area and contribute to clarifying the future mission of YEET.



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YEET

is a cross-national evangelical content network that supports Christian influencers –typically pastors– who share their faith through social media and engage in conversation with young, tententially unchurched people.



<https://yeet.evangelisch.de>



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